(b) As the number of homeless labourers was not collected in the 1981 census, it is not possible to provide this information.

(c) At present, Government do not propose to formulate any new schemes for providing houses for homeless labourers.

(d) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*State/U.T.*	*Agriculture Labourers as per 1981 census*
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8325017
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7796
3.	Assam	521595**
4.	Bihar	7366973
5.	Goa	32394
6.	Gujarat	2488300
7.	Haryana	590324
8.	Himachal Pradesh	40072
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	63540
10.	Karnataka	3655197
11.	Kerala	1917362
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4857829
13.	Maharashtra	6470855
14.	Manipur	28613
15.	Meghalaya	57899
16.	Mizoram	5118
17.	Nagaland	2979
18.	Orissa	2396974
19.	Punjab	1092225
20.	Rajasthan	764625
21.	Sikkim	4887
22.	Tamil Nadu	6037601
23.	Tripura	146089
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5177074
25.	West Bengal	3891531
26.	A. & N. Islands	2337
27.	Chandigarh	856
28.	D.& N. Haveli	4592
29.	Daman & Diu	*
30.	Delhi	16131
31.	Lakshadweep	Nil
32.	Pondicherry	54514
	ALL INDIA	56021299

*Information included in Goa.

**Projected figures, as, 1981 census was not held in Assam.

Source. : 1981 census.

[*English*]

Impact of cut in fertilizer subsidy

3731. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of cut in fertilizer subsidy on the farmers;

(b) whether the proposed hike in support prices of agricultural goods will include Rubber, Coffee, Tea, Pepper and plantation crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government has removed price and movement controls on low analysis fertilizers such as Ammonium Sulphate, Ammonium Chloride, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Sulphate of Potash. The prices of other fertilizers have been increased by 30% on an average. Farmers will be compensated for the increase in the price of fertilizers through suitable increases in procurement prices. The increase in fertilizer prices is not expected to affect the agricultural production adversely.

(b) and (c) A Bench Mark Price, with a lower ceiling for market intervention, is fixed periodically for the natural rubber. A Minium Release Price is also fixed periodically in res-

pect of coffee, taking into account the cost of production. There is no immediate proposal for any hike in the above prices.

No support price is fixed for tea and pepper.

Joint Venture Proposal from IBM

3732. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether IBM (International Business Machines) has submitted a proposal for a joint venture with the Tata Group in the various electronic fields as reported in the 'Times of India' dated July 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) IBM have not submitted any formal proposal to the Government for a joint venture with the Tata Group.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Molasses

3733. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sugar Mills Association have approached the Union Government and sought permission for export of molasses;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has also applied for licence to start distillery unit under the Co-operative Sector; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of molasses is permitted based on its overall demand supply balance for the country, as a whole, assessed from time to time. During the current alcohol year, permission for export of 2.60 lakh tonnes of molasses has been given thus far.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Status of Fertilizer Units

3734. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Public Sector Undertakings concerned with production of fertilizer in the country;

(b) the total accumulated losses of the undertakings till date:

(c) whether the Government propose to revamp these undertakings to produce fertilizers at competitive market price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The present functioning status of 9 Public Sector Undertakings are given below:—

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited(RCF), Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) and Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited (PPCL) are earning profit. Projects and Development India Limited (PDIL) does not produce any fertilizers. Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) has suffered losses on account of inadequate supply of imported phosphoric acid, labour problems, etc. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) is incurring losses